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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—E. ALGER, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES HENRY & Co., 27, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 150 & 152, Leadenhall Street. W.M. WILLS, 151, Cannon Street; E.C. ROBERT WATSON, 150, Fleet Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMBERT PRINCE, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris. J. STEWART HAPPEL, THE CHINESE ENGINEERING OFFICE, 62, West 223 Street.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA.—TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

Ceylon.—W. M. SMITH & Co., The Associated Co., Colombo.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAVAGE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEIJSEN & Co., Manila.

CHINA.—MACAO, A. DA CRUZ, Amoy, N. MAULE, Foochow, Ningpo, Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Tientsin. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & Co.

Notices of Firms.

CHINA AND JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

I HAVE THIS DAY HANDED OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY TO MR. W. STUART HARRISON.

A. SANDFORD.

Hongkong, September 26, 1891. 1849

NOTICE.

WE have This Day ESTABLISHED a BRANCH of our Firm in AMOY, and have authorized Mr. FRANCIS O'CASEY to sign as AGENT.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, October 10, 1891. 1857

Banks.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND BEANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

F. DE BOVIS,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1515

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND.....\$ 6,300,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OR PROVISIONS.....\$10,000,000.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS:—
J. S. MOSEY, Esq.—Chairman.
S. C. MICHAELSON, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
T. E. Davies, Esq. Alex. McConachie,
C. J. Holliday, Esq. Esq.
H. Hopkins, Esq. L. Poenacker, Esq.
Hon. J. J. Keswick. D. R. Saxon, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER:—
Hongkong.—F. DE BOVIS, Esq.

MANAGER:—
Shanghai.—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO. LTD.

HONGKONG.—INTEREST ALLOWED ON Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance up to \$300,000.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 6 months 3% per cent. per annum.

" 12 " 4% " up to \$200,000.

" 12 " 4% " of sums in excess of \$200,000.

HONGKONG.—INTEREST CHARGED 6% on LOANS against Shares with full margin.

6% on Advances against Goods in neutral godowns.

7% on Current Account Overdrafts.

7% on Advances against Goods in private godowns.

F. DE BOVIS,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 10, 1891. 1571

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$ 500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. GILLES, Esq. CHOW TUNG SHAN, Esq.

CHAN KEE SEAN, Esq. Esq.

O. J. HIRST, Esq. W. WOTTON, Esq.

QUAN HOT CHUN, Esq.

A. B. MOXHAM, Acting Chief Manager.

Advisory Committee in London:

THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq., Messrs Dent,

Palmer & Co.

JONES BUTTERLY, Esq., Messrs John Butterly & Co.

C. B. STUART WORTLEY, Esq., M. P. for Hallam.

G. W. E. PLAINFAIR, Manager.

Advisory Committee—Shanghai:

HU FU YUN, Esq. LIN KWAN KING, Esq.

MA KIE TCHONG, CHAN MING SIANG, Esq.

TOM KEE SIANG, Esq.

J. D. THOBURN, Manager, 17th Inst.

The HEAD OFFICE now receives money on deposit and makes advances on goods in Neutral godowns, and upon other securities to terms to be had on application.

Hongkong, August 27, 1891.

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$500,000.

LONDON:

Head Office.....40, Threadneedle Street.

West End Office.....26, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:

First for 12 months, 4½ percent, per annum;

" 6 " 2½ " "

" 3 " 2½ " 2 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, August 19, 1891. 1362

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

IMPORTERS OF

GROCERIES & PROVISIONS

PACKED BY GROSSE BLACKWELL & CO., PHILIPPE & CANAUD AND OTHER 1st CLASS PACKERS.

A Full Stock of FRESH STORES always on Hand.

A REVISED PRICE LIST will be issued on 1st OCTOBER, 1891. Attention is called to the NEW SCALE OF PRICES.

(*) PRICED LISTS AND PASS-BOOKS sent, Post Free, to any address.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, September 25, 1891.

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

Intimations.

BOOTHEN MARK LODGE.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 23rd Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, October 23, 1891. 1996

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

A COMPETITION will take place at Kowloon, at 2.45 p.m. on SATURDAY NEXT, the 24th Instant, at 200, 500 and 600 yards. Conditions 7 rounds and one sighting shot at each distance. Prize—A SILVER SPON for each distance. A large attendance of Members is requested. And punctuality is very desirable.

J. ANDERSON,
Acting Hon. Secretary,
H. K. R. A.

Hongkong, October 21, 1891. 2003

THE FLOODS IN SPAIN.

A SUBSCRIPTION LIST, IN AID OF THE SOFTLETS FROM THE FLOODS which lately occurred in SPAIN, has been issued at the SPANISH CONSULATE, HONGKONG, where any Donations will be thankfully received.

A. G. ROMANO,
Acting Consul for Spain.

Hongkong, October 22, 1891. 2011

SHANGHAI RACES.

THE MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CIE.

AND THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

WILL issue RETURN TICKETS to SHANGHAI by their STEAMERS

leaving on about the 13th, 21st, and 27th INSTANT and 4th NOVEMBER, available for return by either Land and of

our Month's stay at Shanghai.

FARES—First Saloon, \$60.

Second " 40.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 8068.—OCTOBER 25, 1891.]



Mails.

Intimations.
THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.
LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE HONGKONG TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID,
MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES,
BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON;
also,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND AUSTRALIA.
Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENDSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship SURAT, Captain R. J. SLEEMAN, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port for BOMBAH, on THURSDAY, the 29th October, at Noon, connecting with the S.S. OCEANIA, at that port, which vessel takes on her cargo for London, via SUZER CANAL, leaving BOMBAH on the 21st October.

Cargo will be landed on board until 4 p.m., and Specie (Gold) at the office until 1 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENDSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so by application at the Company's Office.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MARSEILLES.

**E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, October 19, 1891.**

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STREAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

**PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG, China..... SATURDAY, Oct. 31.
City of Peking..... WEDNESDAY, Nov. 25.
City of Rio de Janeiro { SATURDAY, Dec. 19.
via Honolulu...}**

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CHINA will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 31st October, at 1 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

**FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.
To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O. \$255.00**

**To Liverpool and London \$255.00
To Paris and Bremen \$34.00
To Harro and Hamburg \$35.00**

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials.

Passengers by this Line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Return Tickets—First Class.—Proposed return ticket to San Francisco will be issued following rates:—

**4 months \$337.50
10 months \$393.75**

Time is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10% from Return Fare. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Venezuela, and to ports in Mexico, Central America, and South America, by the Companies and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 6 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Comptor Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

**J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, October 8, 1891.**

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

Oranges S. WATSON, British ship, Capt. J. W. O'RY—Leander, Brokeburn & Co.

FRITHJOFF NATURE, Norwegian steamer, Capt. C. A. Leeding—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

NANCY FENDLTON, American ship, Capt. J. N. Pendleton—Shaw & Co.

THERMOPYLA, Canadian ship, Capt. J. E. Winchester—Doddwell, Carrill & Co.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office.—Price, 1/- each.

China Mail Office.

To-day's Advertisements.
THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE

A N Annual SESSIONS of Her Majesty's JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held in the JUSTICES' Room, at the MAGISTRACY, on THURSDAY, the Fifth day of November, A.D. 1891, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering the applications for SPIRIT LICENCES for the year 1891-92.

**ALFRED G. WISE,
Police Magistrate.**

Hongkong, 21st October, 1891. 2021

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

1890 ACCOUNT.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A Final DIVIDEND of \$2 per SHARE has This Day been declared.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the above OFFICE on and after FRIDAY, the 23rd Instant.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
GENERAL AGENTS,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.**

Hongkong, October 22, 1891.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

A N Interim DIVIDEND of account of \$1,891 at the Rate of SEVENTY CENTS per TEN DOLLAR SHARE (or 7 Per Cent. on the Capital of the Company) will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK on and after the 5th PROXIMO, on WARRANTS to be obtained from the Undesignated. LOCAL SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at the Company's OFFICE for their WARRANTS, and to pay only part of the sum outside of the Old Stock.

THE REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 2nd PROXIMO, till SATURDAY, the 7th PROXIMO, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order,

**A. H. MANCELL,
Secretary.**

Hongkong, October 23, 1891. 2020

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND SHANGHAI.

(Taking Carga & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, TIENSIN, NEWCHOWHAN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship YOUNGSON, Captain S. J. S. Youngson, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 25th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.**

Hongkong, October 23, 1891. 2019

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

STEAM FOR HAIPHONG.

(Taking Passengers for HOIHOI, and Carga for TONKIN & QUINHON.)

The Co.'s Steamship HAIKHONG, Capt. FAUHAN, will leave for the above Port on MONDAY, the 26th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.**

Hongkong, October 23, 1891. 2017

DAKIN'S PURE VOLATILE EUCALYPTUS OIL, DISTILLED FROM THE LEAVES OF SELECTED SPECIES OF EUCA LYPTUS.

EUCALYPTUS OIL has long taken a foremost place as a "household remedy" in Australia. When applied externally it has a powerful stimulant and soothing action but does not blister the most sensitive skin, and no application is likely to quickly subdue the pain of muscular rheumatism.

Taken internally in small doses, it acts as a powerful stimulant and antispasmodic whilst its secondary action induces sleep.

The penetrating agreeable vapor of the Oil is sedative, and when inhaled relieves Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh and Sore Throat.

It is also a most powerful antiseptic and germicide, being three times as effectual as Carbolic Acid in preventing development of Bacteria, its uses in this direction being manifold.

The active properties of the Oil depend upon a Terpene called Eucalyptol and we guarantee this Oil, prepared specially for us to contain the largest obtainable percentage of Eucalyptol and twice that of the ordinary Eucalyptus Oil of commerce.

It can be used with great benefit in all Throat and Lung Affections, and its sedative stimulant properties make it an invaluable application in Neuralgia, Rheumatism, &c., whilst its powerful antiseptic and germicide action is well exhibited as a dressing in Wounds, Ulcers, Burns, Scalds, Sores, Ringworm, &c.

Dakin's specially refined Oil is sold in 2 oz. and 4 oz. bottles at 6d. and 1/- each.

Full Directions for use enclosed with each bottle.

CAUTION.

Interior samples of Eucalyptus Oil distilled from any kind of Eucalyptus leaf have little or no medical action and should be carefully avoided.

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LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

SHIPPING.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th November, at 11 a.m., at Noon, the Company's OXUS, Commandant CHARON, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for MARSEILLES, and accepted in transit through MARSEILLES for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 6 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Contents and value of Packages are required.

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**G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.**

Hongkong, October 23, 1891. 2018

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THE CHINA MAIL.

Business Notices.

New Dress Fabrics.

FRENCH CASHMERE.

FRENCH FOULE CLOTHS.

FRENCH VICUNA CLOTHS.

FRENCH NUNS' CLOTHS.

FRENCH WOOL BEIGES.

FRENCH CARMELITES.

SCOTCH CHEVIOTS, SNOW FLAKES, CHECKS AND STRIPES, &c., &c.

Hongkong Trading Company, Ltd., Practical Dressmakers, Milliners & Ladies' Tailors.

THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 8968.—OCTOBER 28, 1891.]

The N.C. Daily News, of 10th inst., says:—The "trocchans" are going forward by the Hsiangtsen this morning for Tientsin, the President of the Office of Foreign Affairs, from a Deputy. The coaches have been built and upholstered by Shing-Dah, of Nanking Roads; the axles, springs and wheels having been imported. They are very handsome and reflect credit on the builders. The handles are made of silver. The iron-work is electro-plated, while the wheels are "coppered." The horses will not be allowed to sit at the front of the Prince but will run beside the carriage, and the carriage will be driven by the Prince to run between Tientsin and Peking.

The Shingtsen says:—The local rebellion on account of salt-making in Tientsin, Fukien, is now at an end. After a few skirmishes between the insurgents and the Imperial troops it was found that the rebels were a red-sash and red tape in their button-holes, as a distinguishing mark, case of surprise or night attack. The General commanding the Imperial troops disengaged his men to wear other colours, so as to enable the soldiers to recognize each other and to strike down all who were red. Soon afterwards a furious assault was made, one dark and rainy night, on the defences of the enemy. The battle was fought with despatch by both parties, and in the end the insurgents were annihilated.

The visit of the French fleet to Vladivostok last month appears to have passed off very quietly, though without any official demonstration on the part of the Russians. The French fleet arrived on 2nd September, and left on the 17th. During the whole of that time the visitors were most hospitably entertained at the Oldest and in private houses, the only formal festivity being a dinner of twelve courses given by Vice-Admiral Nazimoff. Three Russian men-of-war were in port. On the 11th the annual *fête* in honour of the Czar was held. There were illuminations on the usual scale, but there was no special festivity in honour of the visitors. The recurrence of this *fête* during the stay of the French fleet has probably given rise to the rumour that special demonstrations had been made at Vladivostok in connection with the entente cordiale between the French and Russian Governments.—N.C. Daily News.

CHINAS GAMBLING-HILLS IN AUSTRALIA.—Some sensational statements were made by a deputation that recently sailed Sir Henry Parkes to suppress the Chinese gambling-hills of Sydney. It was alleged that these places were highly frequented by bank clerks, civil servants, and others holding good social positions. One Chinese proprietor had admitted that he sent £20,000 annually to China in the shape of gambling profits. Furthermore it was stated that the Chinese proprietors had a regularly organized "sustentation fund" for the benefit of the police, who received them timely notice when a raid was in contemplation by the authorities. The Premier admitted the magnitude of the evil, promised special legislation, and said he would make rigid inquiry into the alleged complicity of the police.—P. M. Gazette.

In an interview with Miss Cuthbertson, a missionary amongst Chinese girls in San Francisco, she said that many elicit the information that there are scores of female Chinese and young Chinese girls who come over here as slaves; and cash payment to parents has secured their services. In still other cases they are kidnapped. In still others these girls leave Hongkong deluded into coming by false pretences. There are a few who come actually as wives; but not many. From first to last they are under intimidation. They are told what they must say to be allowed to land. They are victims to a regularly-organized conspiracy existing on both sides of the Pacific, to consign them to slavery and lifelong degradation. Once in this country, face to face with their fate, and seeing what miseries they must endure, the fear of what may happen should they not succeed in getting safely through the Courts by dint of lying or instructed is greater than any other fear.

The Duke of Fife, who presided over the seven-and-a-half annual meeting of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, held last May in the Finsbury-hall, writes to say that during his recent visit to Copenhagen he spoke to the Emperor of Russia on the question of the world-wide work of the society and the desire of seamen to have established a seaman's institute at St. Petersburg, and possibly in other Russian ports. The Duke says:—His Majesty has kindly consented to become patron of the branch of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society in St. Petersburg, and has sent a communication on the subject to the Russian Ambassador in London. This communication is just to hand, and reads thus:—The Imperial Russian Embassy has been directed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs at St. Petersburg to announce to the British and Foreign Sailors' Society that His Majesty the Emperor has been greatly pleased to accede to the society's solicitation of taking under his special patronage those institutions which the society propose to establish in the Russian Empire, and the undersigned has great pleasure in communicating the above to the society named!

Tao Hsiao says:—Suspicious houses, public or private, are kept under strict surveillance by the Yau-chia-ku at Wuchang. Latey the neighbours of a respectable-looking and apparently wealthy house reported that the building had been for some time deserted, except for a few female servants who were left to take care of the premises. The Deputy of Fuchien applied for and obtained a search-warrant, and proceeded to the place. He found the house to be in a dilapidated condition, and tightly surrounded, but all the rooms doors were closed, and sealed with long strips of paper bearing official seals such as and rank of military rank. This was perplexing to the deputy, as he was rather limited in his powers. The female servants, when questioned, stated that their master, a high military mandarin, had gone to his post, and that their mistress had also left for the country to marry her daughter. These facts were accordingly reported to the Viceroy, who then granted full powers. The stamped strip of paper was taken down and submitted to experts, who pronounced the seals to be forged. The rooms bore traces of having been inhabited till recently, and were full of costly furniture and articles of value. The landlord deposed that the house had been rented from the 8th month of the year previous, by the good character of the lessee, being guaranteed by a certain druggist. The geologist of the medicine shop, however, and the guard who was an employe who had left to serve a few months ago. The witness had given orders to apprehend the landlord according to the description given by the servants, landlord, and the house agent. It is suspected that the house was the rendezvous of the Koko members.

CURIOS CUSTOMS IN THE LOOCHEE.—A Japanese, says the Hsiao-ku, who has recently returned to the Capital from a tour through the Japanese islands for the purpose of investigating their manners and customs, also predicts, says that the thing which attracted his attention most of all, which is curious marriage custom practised in the Loochee islands. This custom consists in the bridegroom going round to all his friends' houses and permitting them to drag him up in an ridiculous style that they fancy. Needless to say the fancies are frequently varied, and perhaps the "fun" may occasionally be additionally piquant through spite. As a sample of what may be done to the happy man the following description is given. He is arrayed in a gaily painted *kenzome*, the sleeves of which are tied up with a string laced with bells, long trumpets, etc., a mask is put on, a red hat, the paraphernalia being completed by an empty keris, on which rattles noisy along the walk, and he is of course accompanied by his paramour by a crowd of children. The origin of this custom is said to have arisen from the controlling power of the islands deciding that in order to make marriage such a hardship as not to be lightly undertaken. The primary object of the regulation, however, has long since been lost sight of, for the recently returned visitor describes immorality as reigning supreme in the Loochee, both among the married and unmarried men. There are says, about 10,000 licensed prostitutes in the capital of the island, and society is in no way outraged by a man spending two or three days in one of these unwholesome places, and when there his wife and mother are expected to do prepare and take him the best mens that they can provide, in order to show that they are not jealous, jealousy being considered the worst vice which a man can exhibit. The astonishing part would be, we should think, if jealousy could be experienced on behalf of such a comrade of manhood as the *hochi* describes.—Japan Gazette.

A MARINE OFFICER SENT TO GAOL FOR DISOBEDIENCE.

Before Mr. Wise at the Police Court to-day, James Witschire, second officer of the s.s. *Sunking*, was charged with refusing to obey a lawful order of the master of the vessel, Capt. Dodd. Mr. Wotton appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Rydyk for the defence.

Capt. Dodd said the ship was on a voyage from Canton to Tientsin and was at present in Hongkong harbour. Yesterday the vessel was ready for sailing, when the defendant refused to go with her unless a bonus was paid. He asked if the gratuity was to be paid, and on witness saying it was not, he said, I shall not proceed unless it is paid. Witness referred the matter to Mr. Tomlin (shipping clerk to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire), who had come on board, and the defendant again refused to go with the ship. Witness asked him to go to Foochow, but the defendant refused.

The learned counsel proposed to call evidence.

The prisoner's statement in which he denied the charge was read.

Dr. H. Kai, for the defence, said the evidence produced for the prosecution only showed the fact that a murder had been committed and did not in any way show that the prisoner was implicated in it. The learned counsel proposed to call evidence.

The jury, however, intimated that they had made up their minds about the case and that it was not necessary to call evidence for the defence. They were unanimously of opinion that the prisoner was not guilty.

The prisoner was discharged.

H. K. C. O. v. N. C. O. & MEN (GARRISON).

The above suit will be played on Saturday, commencing at 11 a.m. Tiffin on the ground. The following is the Club Team:—

Dr. Lowson, (Capt.) H. Williams, (91st)

G. G. Boyle, R.A. E. S. Ezekiel.

A. J. Campbell, (10th) J. S. Ezzekiel.

E. A. Lamont.

A. Eames, R.M. N. A. Other.

By kind permission of Colonel Chater and Officers, the Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play during the afternoon.

SUPREME COURT IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice, and a Special Jury.)

Friday, October 23.

THE HOLLYWOOD ROAD MURDER.

Loung Tai, hawkor, was charged with the wilful murder of a man named Lai Yau on the 29th Sept. The prisoner pleaded not guilty, and the following day was sworn: Messrs. J. S. Russell, G. T. Vetch, J. H. Cox, F. A. Games, F. T. P. Foster, B. G. Young, and F. V. Cross.

Ho Kai, instructed by Mr. Ho Yung, appeared for the prisoner.

The Acting Attorney-General (Hon. A. J. Leach) said the story of the prosecution was to the following effect. About 5 p.m. on the 29th September a Chinese constable in duty at Lai Yau heard cries of "Save life" coming from Hollywood Road. He ran up to Hollywood Road and saw Lai Yau, the deceased, standing in front of the Man Mo Temple. He was crying out as if in pain and holding his hands over his stomach. He told the constable that he had been stabbed by two men who had run away. He found the blood-stained clothes lying on the pavement. An European constable then appeared. Before this time the deceased, wearing bleeding profusely from several wounds, fell on the footway. After trying to find out where the man who had attacked deceased had gone, he examined deceased and found him literally covered with wounds, the most serious of which was on the left side of the abdomen. The wounded man was sent to the Civil Hospital, where he died next day. The deceased's deposition was taken by the Magistrate. Deceased stated that the prisoner and another man named Chi Tai, had attacked him and stabbed him. It appeared that Chi Tai and the deceased had a quarrel on the morning of the 28th, which was kept up all day and renewed next morning.

The evidence of the police constables was then taken and the deceased's deposition was read. The deceased in his statement said that the prisoner stabbed him several times. Prisoner had no quarrel with deceased.

The prisoner's statement in which he denied the charge was read.

Dr. H. Kai, for the defence, said the evidence produced for the prosecution only showed the fact that a murder had been committed and did not in any way show that the prisoner was implicated in it. The learned counsel proposed to call evidence.

The jury, however, intimated that they had made up their minds about the case and that it was not necessary to call evidence for the defence. They were unanimously of opinion that the prisoner was not guilty.

The prisoner was discharged.

THE DROWNING OF LIEUT. THUR-BURN.

(Penang Gazette 16th October.)

The news of a sad boat accident in the Kedah river, which resulted in the drowning of an officer of H.M.S. *Hyacinth*, was received on Tuesday, although details were not to hand till yesterday. The *Hyacinth* left Penang on Friday for the Kedah river, with the Hon. A. M. Skinner, C.M.G., on board, who was going on Consular duty. On arriving, the *Hyacinth* anchored about three miles off the Kedah river, the water being too shallow to permit of nearer approach. At 8 a.m. on Sunday, a party left the ship in the Sultan's launch for the purpose of snipe shooting. Messrs. S. H. B. Ash, the Second Lieutenant, and Mr. W. O. Thurburn, the Navigating Lieutenant, pairing off together. When the latter returned at 6.45 p.m. it was raining hard and the boat was summoned to appear before his Worship. The defendant was perfectly willing to go to sea. In these circumstances he asked his Worship that he might be allowed to go to sea. His Worship said that although the defendant repented it afterwards there was no slight doubt that he did infringe the ordinance by disobeying a lawful order. The only punishment which the Ordinance provided for was imprisonment. He must say he was very glad to hear that the defendant to prison. He would be glad if Mr. Wotton would be satisfied with an order for the defendant to come up for judgment when called upon.

Mr. Wotton and the Company regarded the offence as a very serious one and as such was very bad example, all the more so as there were at present many opportunities for getting ships into trouble. They therefore brought this case not so much for the punishment of the defendant but for an example to these employed on ships, more particularly as in consequence of the trouble which were supposed to be appearing there were many inducements to accept bribes and to conceal contraband goods on ships to go to the various ports in China, which was of course a considerable number to shipowners.

It was on these grounds that Messrs. Butterfield and Swire brought this case before His Worship. They regretted greatly that the law did not provide for any punishment which might result in death. In the circumstances he would ask that a proper punishment be inflicted.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to seven days' imprisonment, without hard labour.

Hannsons is as handsome dogs. A short time ago he gave a good breeze as one all gold and feathers.—Boston Transcript.

It seems hard to believe that a short man is well brought up.—Yonkers Standard.

"Do you shave yourself all the time?" asked the barbers. "No, I stop occasionally for a shave."—Action Globe.

The courage of the Turks is explained by the fact that a man with more than one wife ought to be willing to face death at any time.

He (thoughtfully)—I see that ice cream comes in bricks now. She (with rare presence of mind)—I wish some one would hit me with a brick.

The French Minister, M. Lamare, and the Russian Minister, Count Cassini, ar-

A DESCRIPTION OF PEKING.

(The Shanghai Mercury Correspondent.)

According to promise, and as there is nothing of importance to write about, I give you a brief description of Peking:—

On arriving from Tungchow and bearing the southern gates of Peking, the first object that strikes the view is the beautiful tower erected on the top of the wall. The wall itself is from forty to fifty feet high, and from thirty to fifty feet thick. The facings are of fine large bricks, with which the top is covered. The wall is fully sixteen miles round, or rather square. There are in all nine gates; three in the south, two in the west, two in the north, and two in the east. The gates are all well constructed, with an open space between the two doors. The Chinese word for gate is *men*.

There are about six hundred towers.

These towers are to be split in the Diagonal camp. From what I can make out, the French and Russian Ministries are with the Chinese out of the city. Practically there has been a proclamation of martial law.

Guards are set by night and day, pickets of soldiers are stationed at each of the mission houses, the city gates are carefully watched, entrance and egress are by two lanes made by a road stretching along the centre of the gate roads past the guard houses, and suspicious characters are arrested on the spot.

The capital Chinese custom by which each neighbourhood is made responsible for its own inhabitants is put into full force.

Each neighbourhood is obliged to announce to the authorities anything suspicious about an inhabitant or of being held responsible for his misdeeds.

It is estimated that the intercepting

line used annually in the United States

would fill a canal 4 feet deep, 14 feet wide,

and 120 miles long.

The greater number of successive vic-

tories in war in one day were those in Mexico of General Scott, who had lived, and

of General Taylor, who had died.

The lowest body of water on the globe is

the Caspian Sea; the level has been gradu-

ally lowering for centuries, and now it is

below the level of its neighbour, the Black Sea.

The period of a generation has been

lengthened. It used to be thirty years,

and later increased to thirty-four.

Now a scientist says the average term of human life has increased in the past fifty years

from thirty-four to forty-four years.

The rate of crime in the United King-

dom is very heavy. The annual cost of

the police force amounts to nearly

\$30,000,000; the annual cost of pris-

ons, \$5,000,000; and the annual cost of refor-

matory and industrial schools \$3,000,000.

The cost steadily increases.

The average size of families in Europe:

France, 3.03 members; Denmark, 3.61;

Hungary, 3.70; Switzerland, 3.94; Austria

and Belgium, 4.05; England, 4.08;

Germany, 4.10; Sweden, 4.12; Holland, 4.22; Scotland, 4.46; Italy, 4.66; Spain, 4.65; Russia, 4.83; Ireland, 5.20.

The poet Swinburne is small, red-headed

and a bachelor. His forehead is very

prominent, but his mouth is small and

female and chin weak. His eyes are

large and brilliant. The poet is frank and

courteous in manner, but he avoids general

society because of his infirmities.

John Fitzgerald, the President of the

Irish National League in America, is the

most popular man in Lincoln, Neb., having a for-

mer income of \$1,500,000. He began his career

as a laborer with pick and shovel on a

Western railroad.

